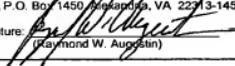




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 30, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-4, 11, 22, 23 and 28-30, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: